

# Protect Your Home From MOSQUITOES

Two mosquito species are known to carry the Zika virus: the Yellow Fever (*Aedes aegypti*) and Asian Tiger (*Aedes albopictus*) mosquito. Both commonly live in close association with—and prefer feeding on—humans. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water so any water that collects outside your home can be a breeding ground—there is almost no container too small. A tiny bottle cap holds enough standing water for mosquito larvae.

Standing water around your home should be dumped or drained regularly, even if you don't see mosquito larvae.

**Roof gutters** accumulate fallen leaves and water. Clear monthly.

Keep doors closed. Repair any holes in window or door **screens**.

Flush bromeliads or other water-retentive plants weekly with a garden hose. Dump any excess water in potted plants with pans or trivets.

Refresh the water in your **pet's bowl** every day.

Change the water in **bird baths** weekly.

Keep **barbecue grills** covered.

Poorly maintained pools, attract mosquitoes. Flush and scrub weekly or keep them turned over.

**Flat roofs** accumulate fallen leaves and can be breeding sites. Clear monthly.

**Boats on trailers**, dry docked or unused, can collect water. Cover and keep covers pulled tight.

Store or throw out **yard clutter** and trash.

Drain **tires**. Discard or move tires into a sheltered area. Or stack the tires and cover the stack.

Cover **rain barrels** with a fine mesh screening or a secure lid.

Stock ornamental ponds with small fish (*Gambusia* species) and keep the pump running.

Flush and scrub **water troughs** weekly.



Learn more. Call the Zika Virus Information Hotline: 1-855-622-6735.